GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:72
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SHORTAGE OF FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) The demand and supply of fertilizers recorded in the country during the current financial year, State-wise;

(b) whether there is a wide gap between demand and supply of fertilizers especially urea, Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) and other mixed phosphate fertilizers throughout the country during the Rabi season;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore; and

(d) the remedial steps taken/being taken by the Government to meet the shortage, monitor the distribution and check the black marketing of fertilizers in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.72 to be answered on 27.11.2006.

(a): Statement indicating the State-wise demand and availability/supplies of fertilizers namely Urea, DAP and MOP for just concluded Kharif 2006 in the current financial year is at Annexure-I.

(b): The demand for Rabi 2006-07 has been assessed at127.09 LMT for Urea, 48.19 LMT for DAP and 18.58 LMT for MOP. The indigenous production of urea and DAP during the season has been estimated to be about 102.71 LMT and 23.61 LMT and the requirement of MOP is totally met from imports as there are no indigenous sources for its production. The gap between the assessed requirement and indigenous availability are being filled through imports and other measures.

Urea is the only fertilizer, which is under partial movement, distribution and price control of the Government. Other fertilizers like DAP, MOP etc. are decontrolled fertilizers and the availability of these fertilizers depends upon market forces of demand and supply. The State Governments are free to import/procure the material from manufacturers/importers.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): State Governments are primarily responsible for ensuring sale of fertilizers at Statutory/indicative MRP`s. They have been specifically advised vide a letter dated 7th November, 2006 to check malpractices, if any.